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Margaret O'Rielly
Class of 1918

In 1918, the first graduate of Avila College, then known as the College of Saint Teresa, received her Associate of Arts degree. Her name was Margaret O'Rielly.

Margaret O'Rielly represents the beginning of Avila College and made it possible for Avila to relocate to its current campus through a donation which she restricted to be used for capital improvements. O'Rielly Hall was built in her honor and now stands as a lasting tribute.

Pictured on the cover of this issue of Accent On Avila College is Margaret O'Rielly in her graduation cap and gown.

Avila College Commits to Health Care for the Underprivileged

Avila College and Swope Parkway Health Center, a community health center serving Kansas City's inner city, have joined forces with local churches to help combat the growing problem of health care for the underprivileged which has spread throughout Kansas City as well as the nation. Together these institutions have formed the Health Ministry Program which is a three-prong plan to educate and provide health care resources to inner city residents.

The Health Ministry Program (HMP) is funded through a four-year grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, with matching funds from the following foundations: The Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, H&R Block Foundation, The Hall Family Foundation, Oppenstein Brothers Foundation, The John & Effie Speas Foundation (administered by The Boatmen's Bank), and the Sosland Foundation.

HMP focuses on 40 inner city churches with a total membership of 39,000. One male and one female from each church will be chosen and formally trained by Avila College nursing faculty and staff. These church volunteers will not be able to administer medical treatments. However they will be trained to make referrals to community agencies and services, offer support and encourage compliance with prescribed treatments, facilitate self help and support groups, and make health care presentations to their fellow parishioners. In addition, they will receive special in-service training from Swope Parkway and have available the opportunity to become familiar with the array of services Swope Parkway provides.

The uniqueness of the Health Ministry Program, which distinguishes it from other models of preventive health care programs is that HMP incorporates inner city churches into the plan. "The church is a natural funnel for health education," Susan Hildebrand, chairperson for Avila's department of nursing, said. "Community members trust their churches and look to them for help and guidance. It is often through the church that social and political barriers are overcome and progress achieved."

Both Avila College and Swope Parkway Health Center are optimistic about the results of the program. "When researching the idea behind the Health Ministry Program, we knew that there was a definite potential for establishing a successful system of illness prevention through the churches," Hildebrand stated. Avila's nursing program is well respected and has roots that stem to 1948 when it became the first baccalaureate nursing program in Kansas City, Missouri.

As for the commitment of the churches involved in the HMP, the following quote from Rev. James D. Tindall best describes the enthusiasm for the program. "I am excited, not only as a minister and pastor; but, as a community leader. We have long awaited this much needed service in the church and community."

New Trustees Announced

Clarence Goppert

Steven D. Lewerenz

Michael F. Morrissey

William H. Dunn, Jr.

Alfred J. Blasco, chairperson of the Avila College Board of Trustees, along with Ole Jensen and Bill Webb, were honored last November for their continued service and dedication to Avila. All three members announced their retirement after serving on the Board for a combined total of 62 years.

Mr. Blasco has served on the Board of Trustees since 1967. His continued service and dedication to Avila has brought about numerous successes and accomplishments. Blasco Hall now stands as a tribute to his generosity and commitment to the betterment of this College. Mr. Blasco will continue to serve on the Avila Board of Trustees as Chairman Emeritus.

Ole Jensen, who served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees' Finance Committee since 1961, is a certified public accountant and business consultant. Prior to his retirement in 1971, he served as a member of the management group of Arthur Young & Co. Bill Webb, who has served on the Board since 1969, was formerly the Secretary for the Kansas City Power & Light Co. (KCP&L) and now serves as an investment consultant for Paine-Webber.

Replacing Mr. Blasco as President of the Board of Trustees is Thomas R. Zarda, secretary/treasurer of Zarda Brothers, Inc. Avila College is also proud to announce the nomination and acceptance of four prominent Kansas City business leaders to its Board of Trustees: Clarence Goppert, former Missouri/Kansas banker and chairman of the board for the Goppert Foundation; Steven D. Lewerenz, vice-president of Shearson, Lehman, Hutton, Inc.; Michael F. Morrissey, managing partner of Ernst & Young; and William H. Dunn, Jr., senior vice-president of J.E. Dunn Construction Co.

(Special Insert)

Quest for Adventure and Savings

Whether you travel a little or a lot, "Quest" may be the answer to your traveling budget dilemmas. Last year, a number of Avila's alumni and friends took advantage of this savings club and found that it indeed more than fulfilled their expectations.

"Quest" is an organization, headquartered in Yakima, Washington, that offers a 50% discount on lodging at a number of national hotel chains including Sheraton, Hilton, Hyatt, Marriott, Radisson, Holiday Inn, Ramada Inn, Best Western, Stoufter, Howard Johnson's and Residence Inn.

Among the known "satisfied" customers of "Quest" is a faculty member who enjoyed a 50% savings on lodging while attending a professional seminar. Another member, an Avila alum, gave "Quest" as gifts to her grown children who enjoy traveling.

The brochure found inside this edition of Accent on Avila explains the program more fully. Satisfaction is guaranteed for the full life of the $19.95 membership fee (one year). To become a member of "Quest", simply fill out the enclosed reply card and return it with payment (please note: do not respond to Avila but rather to the address listed in the brochure).

Avila College is also pleased to announce another benefit to alumni. The Kansas City Regional Council for Higher Education (KCRCHE) has negotiated a car rental agreement with National Car Rental. This agreement provides Avila alumni with a 20% discount off counter rates plus an additional 5% discount off weekend, weekly, holiday and monthly promotional rates. (Travelers will continue to be covered with limited liability collision insurance for $3,000 except in those states where state law prohibits customer liability for collision).

For more information about car rental discounts, contact Julie Ferris Ray at National Car Rental, (913) 642-0222. Avila's identification number for this program is "Recap #5300921".

Have a great vacation!

Avila People In Profile

Professor & Student Team Up To Help Teens

"Grow Days", the phrase could describe a variety of things — planting, expanding, sprouting. Inside Avila's Nursing and Psychology departments, "Grow Days" is a culmination of all three, though it has nothing to do with a garden.

Linda Huber, associate professor of nursing at Avila, and Mary Heely, a senior psychology student, recognized that junior-high age students have a need to develop their self-esteem and deal with changes in their lives. Their recognition of this growing need evolved into what they fondly named "Grow Days", a year-long activity that in most cases serves to make an impact on the rest of a student's life.

After an introduction to "Grow Days", which is usually held away from the school environment, Linda and Mary meet with an eighth grade class once a month for an afternoon of sharing thoughts and communicating general concerns. These sessions are filled with exercises that incorporate and teach lessons about faith, friendship, values and self-worth.

"The eighth grade seems to be a time of increased responsibility and change," Linda says. "The students are learning how to deal with new problems that arise as a result of peer pressure, academic challenges and friendships. According to Linda this transition period can make a student question everything in his/her life. "Grow Days" is one way to help these young adults address their questions and concerns without anyone providing textbook answers for them. Linda and Mary simply present subjects and let the class do the work.

In one particular instance, a class was brought closer together by its taking part in a special "Grow Days" exercise. Each student was given a sheet of paper to wear on his/her back while fellow classmates were instructed to write a positive message on each other's backs. The moral of this exercise is that when we talk behind a person's back it doesn't have to be negative.

In addition to interpersonal counseling, Mary and Linda present situations and issues such as homelessness and neglect with which many students have never had to deal. The students are taught to realize that they can help change the world around them if only they work together.

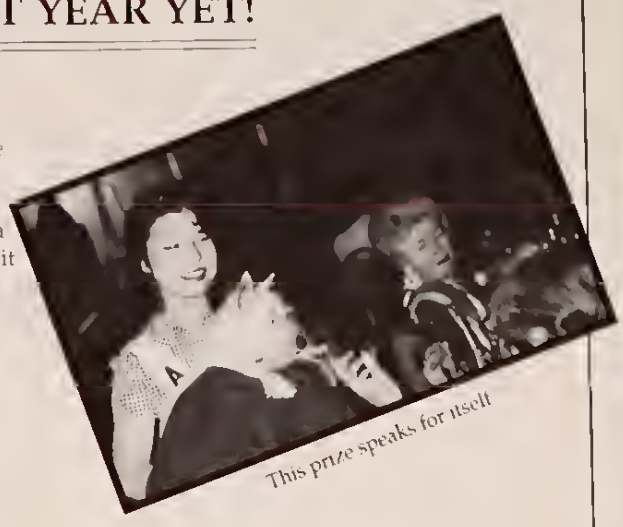
Do these eighth graders really appreciate and understand "Grow Days"? According to Mary Heely, after a full year of participating in a variety of self-discovery exercises such as "Sacred Craziness", "I am Me", and "Bag People" these students are really in touch with themselves and each other.

Linda and Mary spend a lot of time preparing for "Grow Days" but both admit that it's time well spent. "At the end of the day we sometimes plan to distribute to the students letters that their parents wrote to them," Mary explained. These letters contain thoughts and sentiments that parents sometimes forget to express to their children. "When I'm asked if all this work is worth it, I just take a minute and recall the faces of those kids after they read their letters and I know without a doubt, it is." "Grow Days" may not have anything to do with a garden, but the fruit that is yielded is just as sweet.

Steer Dinner nets $175,000 - BEST YEAR YET!

In all of its grand glory and luscious decor, the new and much talked-about Ritz-Carlton Hotel could not have sparkled more than it did the night of the 14th Annual Avila College American Royal Steer Dinner/Auction. An annual event that has been held on the Avila campus in years past, the "Steer Dinner" (as it is fondly called among the Avila community), was held on the evening of February 24, 1990.

An eager crowd awaits the first auction item



This prize speaks for itself

As always, the event was anticipated with much fervor; however, this year there seemed to be a special glitter that made it shine even brighter than before. Maybe it was the excitement of being at the Ritz-Carlton for one of its premier galas. Or maybe it was knowing that deserving students would benefit from the funds raised. Whatever the reason, the night began and ended with success!

Georganne Mulhern, a $10,000 Donor

More than 400 guests were treated to a $100 per-plate American Royal Filet Mignon dinner served with the unmistakable hospitality of the Ritz-Carlton staff. Following the meal which was accompanied by the melodies of a string quartet, a large array of auction items were presented for bidding. The assortment ranged from vacations to London, Winter Park, Chicago and Las Vegas to Waterford Crystal, rare paintings and dinner parties. One of the most popular auction items was "Name the Street Sign on the Avila Campus," which sold for $2500. Another irresistible item was warm and cuddly and stole the hearts of every guest. What else but a furry, white puppy could make the bidding take off in style?

Mary Ellen Clark, alumni board member, Jody Russell and Ralph Martin share in the excitement of Jody's winning bid

Philomena Muntzel, a $10,000 donor, shares her enthusiasm about the Steer Dinner with President Kramer

Some of the special contributors who made this wonderful evening a reality included a special group who showed their support for this worthwhile cause by making $10,000 gifts. Included in this consortium were Andrews & McMeel, Ken & Claudia Bergeron, H & R Block Foundation/Henry & Marion Bloch Foundation, Kathleen Borserine, Catherin Merrill, Mary Beth Meyers, Georganne Mulhern, Philomena Muntzel, Rose Teicher and Dorothy Whitfield. Also contributing to the success of the dinner/auction were Ken & Betty Cornelius, Dr. Rich Davis and Bob & Olie Boyle (honorary co-chairpersons), who donated prize American Royal Steers.

Ann Mears contemplates her next move (she did make the high bid)

These generous gifts combined with the proceeds from the auction raised a record total of $175,000 for the Avila College Annual Fund. The proceeds, which represent a 40% increase from last year's dinner/auction, will be used for student scholarships and to enhance the educational experience at Avila for both students and faculty.

President Kramer, Sister Olive Louise and Mayor Richard Berkley smile for the camera

The elegant ballroom was a vision of royal blue, navy and white; and a hush descended upon the crowd as the first auction item was carried down the runway. From this point forward the scene was a flurry of new bids being called out from every corner of the room. A joke or two made by auctioneer Herb Taubin caused an explosion of laughter when, before you knew what was happening, another bidder jumped in and made an offer. As the evening came to an end, a drawing was held for two airline tickets to the winner's choice of 15 European cities, won by Leo Kenney; and a Tan-tar-a vacation, won by Al Blasco.

A few of the 14th Annual American Royal Steer Dinner/Auction Committee Members gather to discuss auction details. - Pictured (left to right) - Front: Charles Kopke, Betty Cornelius, Claudia Bergeron, Sheryl Leavey. - Back: Grant Thomas, Bob Wormington, Pat Martin, Tom Leathers, and Steve Lewerenz

Now as people look back upon this special evening, Avila's largest fund-raising event of the year, various memories will come to mind. Some may remember the elegance and sparkle of the Ritz, while others may cherish the fun they had bidding for a special item. The most important memories, however, will come from students who years from now will remember what it was like to be a part of Avila College.

President Kramer shares a pre-auction moment with Bob and Olie Boyle, honorary co-chairpersons for this event

PHONATHON EXCEEDS GOAL BY 20%

Are you wondering who won the November 1989 phonathon drawing for the radio/tv? The winner was Sister Mary Margaret Higgins, who wrote to us saying, "First thing I ever won in my life! I've always wondered how it felt to be the lucky winner of raffles, etc. Now I know. God bless you!"

The 2nd place prize winner was Sylvia Griffin who is now the proud owner of the beautiful wild duck casting.

The Avila Advancement Office would like to express its appreciation to all the people who helped make the phonathon a huge success! The goal was to raise $50,000 for the benefit of student scholarships, and in twelve nights of calling, more than $60,000 was pledged! The following people helped make this happen (please remember that a mortal wrote this list and if there are mistakes, we apologize in advance).

Students

Janet Aguirre
Leanne Alexander
Julio Andujo
Michele Atkinson
Kate Axtel
Debra Belt
Rob Brown
Bruce Buesing
Kristi Corbett
Ann Corneliusen
Melody Edie
Lisa Fisher
April Gaddis
Tami Gast
Keith Harris
Stephanie Harris
Charlene Hermann
Laura Hoffman
Mark Hoffman
Patty Jones
Mike Joyce
Kim Jurd
Krista Kanies
Keri Kluter
Kris Koettker
Tasha Kovich
Jeff Kraus
Becky LeMaster
Erin Lenihan
Lisa Levine
Virginia Lewis
Kevin Lowder
Sara Mays
Derek Moorhead
JoAnn Mulligan
Jon Park
Sharon Pilcher
Jim Ricker
Tina Schuman
Shirley Smith
Stasi Sutton
Liz Van Note
Chris Wagner
Craig Wania
Rob Wilson
Lori Woods

Alumni

Sara Baker
Nancy Barr
Craig Bergeron
Karla Breiling
Mary Beth Brown
Joe Bryde
Phil Bryde
Barbara Capazella
Millie Capers
Mary Ellen Clark
Virginia Coppinger
Rose Marie Falco
Sr. Dinae Figge
Mark Fourler
Anna Marie Francis
Margaret Gardner
Mary Gordon
Sylvia Griffith
Debbie Guthrie
Mary Lou Hathaway
Margaret Heckendorn
Marilyn Hill
Geri Hoerman
Carolyn Koppes
Phyllis Letzig
Pat Markway
Lori McGroder
Louise Modica
Sr. Barbara Moore
Karen Moorman
Ronald Moss
Elizabeth Nance
Christine Ojile
Christina O'Keefe
Christine Raya
Madeline Regan
Mary Sappington
Julie Schlumpberger
Jim Wright
Miriam Young
Mark Zahner
Elizabeth Zimmerman

Friends

Ken Bergeron
Bud Blake
Marcy Caldwelt
Pat Coleman
Mike Dale
Toni Gordon
Carolyn Graham
Jim Greene
Greta Matson
Jody Russell
Tom Sanders
Carolyn Thomas
Donna Watson
Joellen Wright
Alicia Young

Faculty

Sr. de La Salle
Sr. Ann Dominic
Sr. Mary Fitzpatrick
Ann Foley
Shiloh Garies
Lou James
Dan Larson
Paul LeMaire
Mary Oberg
Bob Powell
Sr. Martha Smith

Staff

Sr. Rose Anthony
Toni Bink
Sharon Blake
Lois Connally
Bobbi Courville
Barb Engel
Susan Ererly
Teresa Flucke
Carol Frevert
Sr. Marie Georgette
Steve Grant
Sr. Marie Joan Harris
Sr. Mary Margaret Higgins
Donna Jones
Julie Kovich
Larry Kramer
Tom Lease
Sr. Olive Louise
Pat Martin
David Melton
Jim Millard
Sr. Kathleen Mitchell
Marlene Mohs
G. Richard Scott
Anita Seibolt
Grant Thomas
Sr. Marie Tucker
Bill Weisbrook
Patrick Wood
Father Mike Zahorchak

Also, thank you to...

Tim Ayres
Beth Maren
Steve Santo

A Time To Remember

Homecoming 1990 at Avila College will revolve around the theme "A Time To Remember" and is scheduled for the weekend of **September 28, 29 and 30th.**

Do you remember...when you shared special times with fellow classmates (they always seemed to know exactly how you were feeling)?...when a favorite professor helped you discover what you truly wanted to do with your life?...when you proudly put on your cap and gown and listened for your name to be announced as a new graduate of Avila College? Homecoming '90 is sure to bring a tear and a smile to every alum who walked the hallowed halls of our proud college.

Some of the events that are tentatively being planned include campus tours, cocktail receptions with past and present faculty members, a Goppert Theatre production, special events for the honored classes: Class of '40, '45, '65, and '80, and much, much more. In final preparation for this year's homecoming events, a letter and survey have been mailed to the Class of '80 (10 year honorees) and the Class of '65 (25 year honorees). We have received a number of responses, but are still waiting to hear from some of you. If you haven't sent back your survey, please take a minute to do so. Even if you are unable to attend Homecoming weekend activities, your input is still invaluable to us and your fellow classmates.

Included in this issue of Accent on Avila is a listing of those honored class members who have an "address unknown" status. If any of our readers know the whereabouts of any of these alumni, please call or write and let us know: Avila College, Office of Advancement, 11901 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64145, (816) 942-8400, ext. 277.

Remember, mark you calendars now for the weekend of September 28, 29 and 30th! It promises to be a Homecoming to "remember"!

Homecoming '90 Honored Classes "Address Unknown"

Class of 1940

Clara LaBoy Mahanney
Irmena Olds

Class of 1965

Carlene Mello Aborn
Mary Malcolm Barens
Sandra A. Edelman
Patricia Frantz
Barbara Merli Giodano
Elizabeth Jane Hess
Stephen Patrick Malone
Suzanne Nelson
Donna Sue Lochert Schibi
Paula Kay Burkhead Schoelen
Ayako Sekiguchi
Jupadi Sitpraserttong

Class of 1980

Justine Olivia Adams
David L. Allen
Jeanne S. Anderson
Laura Berkowitz
Deborah K. Bintord
Richard K. Burnett
Anne-Marie Chabanne
Joyce Y. Collings
Raleigh W. Copeland
Betsey J. Crosbie
Anne Dorothy Wetherill Davis
James Sherman Derrell
Robert A. Evans
James A. Faherty
Karen A. Graham
Sally J. Berry Hackley
Deanne Armijo Haynes
Laura Henley
Martin L. Higgins
Mary Higgins
Leon R. Hinson
Gail Starr Leidich
Bonnie L. Meyer
Timothy A. Miller
Patricia A. Walters Moore
Randall L. Murphy
Eilene M. Peters
Philip A. Roberson
Sue Ann Scheppers
Gary L. Smith
Larry D. Smith
Rodney M. Todd
Marena Johnson Young

New Alumni Board Members Inducted

At their January 15, 1990 meeting, the Avila College Alumni Board elected four new board members — Tim Westcott ('88), Stephen Thornhill ('87), Betty Pitts ('83, '84), and Howard Schwantes ('85, '88). These new members were officially inducted and welcomed at a special Alumni Board Dinner held on Monday, March 12, 1990.

The dinner was highlighted by a presentation from Tom Mulligan, a consultant for Campbell & Co., Inc., who spoke about the importance of a strong alumni association in four areas — students, faculty, fellow alumni, and the institution itself.

The Avila College Community congratulates these new board members and thanks current board members for all of their time and efforts.

Alumni Appreciation Night at the Ballgame (Basketball, that is)

Tuesday evening, February 13, the Mabee Fieldhouse on the Avila College campus resounded with the cheering of alumni who came to relive and re-enjoy the days of past. The basketball game was the main attraction at the first annual KC Alumni Appreciation Night. Complimentary invitations for this exciting event, which included refreshments and halftime entertainment, were mailed to all Kansas City alumni.

Even though the weather threatened KC with one of its "rare" ice storms, it didn't deter alumni, and children of alumni, and parents of alumni, and even a small-fry basketball team or two from enjoying the evening and cheering the Avalanche basketball team on to a near victory. Special contributors included Avila College Alumni Association board members and Advancement Office staff who helped with registration and refeshments, and distributed festive Valentine balloons.

It is well documented that a team performs better when there are lots of fans to cheer them to victory, so the 150 plus fans supplied by alumni and friends of Avila did a terrific job!

Watch for more details about exciting alumni athletic events!

Highlights of Avila Alumni Meetings

On January 31, Dr. Larry Kramer met with Avila alumni living in the Washington D.C. area, for a reception at the Hyatt Regency-Capitol Hill. Those attending are pictured (left to right), **Row 1:** Edward J. Rohn, Mary Beth Young Pollard ('76), Mary Todd Minnies ('30), Barbara A. Bernhardt ('55) and Mary Morrow-Bax ('64). **Row 2:** Jack Pollard, Charlotte Hunter ('65), Hank Putsch, Sharon Hunter-Putsch ('72), Elizabeth Janda Rohn ('52), Mary Tobin Dyson ('64), Keven W. Durnell ('85) and Bernadine Abbott Hoduski ('57)

Dr. Kramer, along with Sister Olive Louise hosted another alumni meeting on March 1, in Phoenix, Arizona. Pictured are (left to right), **Row 1:** Mary Fran Le Pri, Alpha Shelton ('82), Vita Goppert, Tracy Henrichson ('76) and Sister Olive Louise. **Row 2:** Chandler Hassett, Dr. Kramer, Bonnie Vandenboom ('80), Marilyn Tobias ('56), Marie Kennedy, Kathleen Kennedy Murray ('58), Joanne Kane Caley ('51), Theresa Carolan ('64), Mary Jo Junker Heiman ('52) and Susan Ross Bingold ('59). **Row 3:** Rita Olson Kersting ('51), Jack Kersting, Vern Heiman and David Bingold

Class Notes: _____

1930's

Martha Raupp Riegelsperger ('37) recently retired from being a school nurse in New York for 22 years

1950's

Rose Griffith ('56) is a Critical Care Nurse Administrator

Blanche N. Walker ('57) is a life member of the Kansas City Women's Chamber of Commerce and was pictured in the 21 January, 1990 issue of The Kansas City Star at an installation luncheon for new members

Charlene Mathews Welling ('59) is the owner of the Classic Cup restaurant in Westport and recently opened a second one on the Country Club Plaza

1960's

Sister Barbara Moore, C.S.J. ('62) was featured in the 14 January, 1990 issue of The Catholic Key as a participant in the Selma experience of 1965.

Velma Love Woodson ('64) was honored with the Harold L. Holliday Sr. Civil Rights Award at the annual Freedom Fund dinner of the Kansas City branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Among Velma's many accomplishments is her position as the first black woman to be an IRA service center branch chief and the first woman to become a senior management analyst

Pat Bartholome ('69) is acting Director of the Office of Criminal/Victim Services of Catholic Charities, Kansas City, and was responsible for a proposal that has resulted in the approval of a $4,000 grant from the Missouri Department of Public Safety to provide emergency assistance for victims of crime.

1970's

Major Mary R. Cox ('73) was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, in October, 1989

Frank W. Cowing ('76) has been appointed to the highest sales position, executive sales representative, for Pharmaceutica, Inc. (Anesthesia Division of Johnson and Johnson). Frank resides in Seattle, Washington.

Diane Novak Gardner ('76) is associate executive director of Humana Hospital Brentwood in Shreveport, Louisiana

Paula Dale ('78) is pursuing her Master's in Library Science degree at Indiana University at South Bend.

Shirley A. Kleiner ('79) completed her MBA at the University of Kansas in May, 1989, and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society and Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society. Beginning in 1990 Shirley will become a full-time instructor in accounting and secretarial careers at Johnson County Community College

Martha Growney-Lawler ('79) recently left her nursing career to start a wood-working tool business, "Tool Company, Inc.", with her husband Ray.

V. L. Sean Mitchell ('79) went to West Africa to deliver medical supplies from the United States

1980's

Cheryl Collins ('80) is coordinator of the multicultural scholarship program at Pembroke Hill School, and has been named by The Kansas City Globe newspaper as one of the "100 Most Influential Black People" in the Kansas City area in the artistic category. Cheryl is founder and artistic director of Metropolitan Ebony Theatre.

Glynnda Schluderberg ('80) is a pharmaceutical representative for Adam's Laboratories and resides in Sugarland, Texas

Cathy Fultz Gutierrez ('81) is a buyer for the Kansas City Power & Light Company, Kansas City

Dr. Maureen Lillich ('81) received her certification to practice medicine anywhere in the United States. Maureen received her M.D. from the University of Kansas and served two years of residency at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. She is the recipient of a University of Missouri, Columbia fellowship in gastroenterology for July, 1990 through June, 1992

Janel Freeman McKinney ('81) is librarian of the Civil-Environmental Division of Black and Veatch, Kansas City

William J. Wilson ('81) is district sales manager, Greater Kansas City Area, for Data Corporation of Toledo, Ohio.

Phil Fiorini ('82) and John Baldwin ('89) had acting roles in "Animal Farm" at the Coterie Theatre, Crown Center in Kansas City.

Karen Back Moore ('82) is chemistry team leader at Pfizer, Inc. in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Lawrence F. Sherrard, III ('82) is district manager for Automatic Data Processing in Lenexa, Kansas

Gwen Shiflett ('82) was elected Vice President of Alpha Chapter in Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an organization for professional educators.

Michael Bracken ('83) has joined the Kemper Service Company as a transaction specialist in the Quality Assurance Department

David E. Redding ('83) is a supervisor at General Motors in Kansas City

Mark Johnson ('83) is managing editor for Antioch Publications

Shelly Shiflett ('85) has been promoted to director of physician recruitment at Moberly Regional Medical Center in Moberly, Missouri

1980's

Michael Leonard ('85) is a C.P.A. at Peat Marwick Main and Company in Kansas City

Leonard Twaroski ('85) is administrative supervisor at Farmers Insurance in Overland Park, Kansas

Glenn Beckerdite ('87) is an engineer for the Kansas City Power & Light Company

Ingrid E. Maehl ('87) is an accounting specialist for Yellow Freight Employee Credit Union in Overland Park, Kansas.

Craig Bergeron ('89) is sales manager for Bergeron Reserve, Kansas City, a company selling "motorcars for the Connoisseur" and the authorized Avanti representative

Maria Hess ('89), daughter of Francis and Dr. Anne Breslin Hess ('62), teaches second grade at Cure of Ars School in Leawood, Kansas

Babette Cramer Hiles ('89) is studying toward her Ph.D. in Psychology, with a specialty in Neurology, at Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Springfield, Missouri.

Kellie McKinney ('89) is working at First Federal Savings & Loan in Platte Woods, Missouri, and is studying toward her MBA at Avila.

Julie Schlumpberger ('89) is an accountant at Marion Laboratories and is studying toward her MBA at Avila

Candes Donell Wells ('89) is account executive for Teen Pages, a publication sponsored by Channel 41 and Coca Cola

Births

Adam, born to Ronald ('74) and Margaret Paradoski Field ('74) on September 11, 1989

Sara Elizabeth, born to Michael and Anita Feinske Stansfield ('75) on January 10, 1989.

Michael Robert, born to Lonnie and Mary Davis ('77) on June 3, 1989

Joseph Patrick, born to James and Mary Tesdall Lutz ('77) on September 21, 1989

Michelle Erin, seven weeks old, adopted by Patrick and Terri Dresch Oates ('77) on November 13, 1989

Catherine Anne, born to Wesley ('78) and Mary Beth Traul on April 12, 1989

Erin Marie, born to J. Robert ('78) and Patricia Cronin Hardin ('79) on February 10, 1990

Laura Beth, born to Michael ('79) and Tami Eschbacher on January 26, 1990.

Jessica, born to Michael ('79 and MBA '82) and Mary Walter Koch ('81) on July 7, 1989

Abigail Marie, born to Mark and Judy Schauwecker Switzer ('79) on February 16, 1990.

Hannah Elizabeth, born to Gregory and Joyce Vieth Rackers ('80) on October 11, 1989.

Abbye, born to John and Brigid Cleary Klamann ('81) on August 14, 1989

Kaitlin Marie, born to James and Tina Prescovy Kuhnhoff ('81) on September 19, 1989.

Samantha, born to Douglas and Sylvia Schoonover Wylie ('81)

Kimberly Diana, born to Jeff and Sarah Benedick Chase ('82) on July 17, 1989.

Claire Marie, born to Scott and Julie Broockerd Chrisman ('82) on October 23, 1989

Zaid, born to Samir ('83) and Michelle Arabi-Katbi in November, 1989

Bart, born to Dr. Byron and Ramona Gatchet Thompson ('84) grandson of Byron and Jeanne Collins Thompson ('54) on August 22, 1989

Joseph Patrick, born to James and Kathryn Marshall Ausdenmore ('85) on September 21, 1989.

Ashton Marie, born to Phil ('86 and MBA '88) and Chris Bryde on November 9, 1989

Jessica Marie, born to Brett and Theresa Strey Harmon ('87) on February 16, 1988

Weddings

Cathy Marie Fultz ('81) and Daniel Gutierrez, January 21, 1989

Karmen Eileen Wohler ('83) and Rick W. Goosey, November 4, 1989

Joan Louise Koptl ('85) and Nicholas Andrew Hodes, February 17, 1990.

Vicki Velazquez ('85) and Timothy Short, September 23, 1989

Kathleen Mary Werth ('85), daughter of Glenn and Carole Ainsworth Werth ('61) and Michael James Teahan, son of Richard and Jo Ann Judy Teahan ('58), November 17, 1989

Ann Marie Byrne ('86) and Captain Kevin Paul McGinnis, December 30, 1989

Teresa Crimi ('86) and Michael Killian, June 10, 1989

Weddings

Mary Theresa Van Pelt ('89), daughter of Kenneth and Theresa Sadecki Van Pelt ('81), and Timothy John Ostrander, February 17, 1990.

Debra Linn Wernsman ('89) and John David Edwards, December 29, 1989

Anne Nicole Trillin ('92) and Chad Joseph Dailey, December 2, 1989

Death's

Anna May Hogan Smith ('24), mother of Sister Martha Smith ('49), December 22, 1989

Anne Smith Fritzlen ('53), December 22, 1989

Adabooth Smith ('57), December 4, 1989

Maude McMahon ('64), December 15, 1989

Rosina Huber Carroll ('69), December 29, 1989

Mary Margaret Hagan McManus ('71), February 19, 1990.

Debrah Ann Coker ('76), January 21, 1990.

Danny D. Jansen ('88), November 11, 1989.

"Truth" — Stranger Than Fiction

A few years ago, Julie Trotter ('66) and Eunice Kolich Kramer ('74) belonged to the same skiing club. Neither knew the other was from Kansas City, much less an Avila graduate. When Julie read in Accent On Avila that Eunice had adopted a Korean child, she was delighted to learn that Eunice was an Avila alumna. And, imagine her astonishment when she tried to locate Eunice to find that Eunice lives just two blocks from her home on the same street. Truth can be stranger than fiction.

HOMEgrown

"Grown for local consumption. said of fruits and vegetables." This is how Webster defines the word "homegrown". The Avila College Alumni Association expands this definition to include Avila graduates who work at the college. The Alumni Board is proud of the Avila graduates who are committed to helping their alma mater through the roles as Avila employees. Following is a list of these alumni along with the "row" where they are planted:

Faculty:

Wendy Acker	Jean Behrens
William Doolittle	Shiloh Garies
Christopher Glaze	Margaret Heckendorn
Geri Hoerman	Arnetta Johnston
Kathryn Lutt	Sarah Meiners
Steven Millikan	Virginia Osgood
John Parmerlee	Stuart Phipps
David Pilcher	Robert Pinkerton
Lyndell Poe	Andrea Ponte
Frankie Ray	Mary Reist
Sherry Shively	Nancy Smith-Ruark
Marian Van Vleet	Carolyn Wilson
Jeanne Yanes	Sister Martha Smith
Sister Pat Hauser	Sister Marie Tucker

Staff:

Cynthia Butler	Bobbie Courville
Susan Everly	Teresa Flucke
Sharon Giangreco	Joliene Hansen
Barbara Perrot	Anne Rose
Patrick Wood	Mary Woods
Sister Ellen Marie Gavin	Sister Rose Anthony Schmitt

Special Tax Tip: Savings Bonds now pay tax-free interest for a college education

Series EE bonds issued after December 31, 1989, earn tax-free interest for many taxpayers if the bonds are used to finance a college education. Series EE bonds usually earn tax-deferred interest that is taxed when you redeem the bonds. To qualify for tax-free interest you must pay tuition and other fees at a college or vocational school in the year the bonds are redeemed. Expenditures for room and board do not count. You take the amount spent on tuition and fees during the year, subtract any scholarships or other assistance provided to defray those expenses, and the remaining amount is the savings bond interest you can earn tax free for the year.

There are additional requirements. The bond owner must have purchased the bonds after reaching age 24, which means that you, the parent, have to buy the bonds directly instead of giving money to the child to buy the bonds or buying them in the child's name. The education expenses must have been incurred by you, your spouse, or your dependents, which prevents grandparents from buying the bonds and taking the tax exemption. Married individuals must file joint returns to take the exclusion, and the bonds must be owned individually by you or jointly with your spouse. There also is an income limitation. The interest exemption is allowed only to taxpayers whose modified adjusted gross income is no more than $90,000 on a joint return and $55,000 for a single taxpayer. The exclusion is phased out for modified adjusted gross incomes between $60,000 and $90,000 on a joint return and $40,000 and $55,000 for single persons. Modified adjusted gross income is adjusted gross income plus IRA deductions and taxable Social Security benefits.

AVILA COLLEGE HERITAGE CLUB

A Lifetime Investment

Matty Pat Gilford ('46) creates Avila's first CGA with G. Richard Scott

The Avila College Annuity Program is available to friends and alumni of the College who have expressed a desire to make a gift while retaining income from this gift.

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Charitable Gift Annuity

Out of all the investment options that one has during his or her lifetime, there is one that provides an unmatchable return -- the Avila College Charitable Gift Annuity. A CGA is a contract between you and Avila in which your gift of cash, appreciated securities or property is exchanged for a guaranteed income -- paid to you, your spouse, or another survivor, each year for the rest of your lives. Here are just a few of the investment benefits you will receive:

- the satisfaction of knowing that you're making a gift to the College and to future Avila students
- a guaranteed fixed income for life
- substantial tax savings (an increase in spendable income)
- relief from investment worries and responsibilities
- a rate of return as high as 14% (depending on age)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

3 Women's Softball vs. Central Methodist (3:00 p.m.)
3 Penance Service (4:00 p.m.)
4 ACT Prep Course (FREE) for students taking the ACT test this year (3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
4 Avila sponsored College Information Conference (FREE and open to the public) at O'Hara High School (7:30 p.m.)
7 Men's Baseball vs. Harris Stowe (Noon)
8 Men's Baseball vs. Tarkio (1:00 p.m.)
8 Palm Sunday Sunrise Service (6:30 a.m.)
10.. Thornhill Art Gallery Exhibit, Recent Works of Paul Dunkak (painter) (through April 27, 1990)
12 .Men's Baseball vs. Mid-America Nazarene (1:00 p.m.)
12. Women's Softball vs. Tarkio (3:00 p.m.)
14 Women's Softball vs. Sterling College (2:00 p.m.)
16 Men's Baseball vs. Missouri Valley (2:00 p.m.)
17 Women's Softball vs. William Jewell (3:00 p.m.)
19 Men's Baseball vs. Ottawa (1:00 p.m.)
19. "Open House for Transfer Students" sponsored by Admissions Dept., for students wanting information about transferring from a Junior College (10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
19 Friends of the Library lecture — representative from the Nelson Art Gallery discussing impressionistic art (tba)
20 Goppert Theatre musical production, "Anything Goes" (8:00 p.m.)
21 Campus Beautification Day (in conjunction with Earth Day) — volunteers are welcome
21 ..President's Scholarship Club (PSC)/Scholarship Sponsor (SS) Barbeque (6:00 p.m.)
21 Goppert Theatre musical production, "Anything Goes" (8:00 p.m.)
22 Thornhill Art Gallery Artist Reception, Paul Dunkak Exhibit (2:00 - 4:00 p.m.)
23. Women's Softball vs. Baker (3:00 p.m.)
24 .Men's Baseball vs. Hannibal-LaGrange (1:00 p.m.)
24 .Avila sponsored College Information Conference (FREE and open to the public) at Belton High School (7:00 p.m.)
25. Overland Park Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours", Goppert Theatre on the Avila campus
26.. Men's Baseball vs. Benedictine (1:00 p.m.)
27 .Goppert Theatre musical production, "Anything Goes" (8:00 p.m.)
28. Goppert Theatre musical production, "Anything Goes" (8:00 p.m.)
28 Men's Baseball vs. Central Methodist (Noon)
28 Pre-Registration for entering freshman students (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Note Men's Baseball will be played at Missouri 3-2 Stadium, Bannister & Blue River Road. Women's Softball will be played at Jackson County Softball Complex, 140th & Holmes

A Sneak Preview of Upcoming Avila Events...

May 12 Avila College Commencement Exercises
September 19. .7th Annual Avila College Golf Classic — annual golf tournament sponsored by the Avila Alumni Association, played at Deer Creek Country Club
September 28-30...HOMECOMING '90 (events to be announced)

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